

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
THE NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE OF NEW JERSEY.

Tuesday, June 4th, 1918.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Negro Welfare League of New Jersey was held in the Lecture Rooms of the First Presbyterian Church, on the above date, at 4 o'clock, the President Dr. W. H. Vail presiding.

At the roll call the following members were present:-

W. G. Alexander, Mr. Carl Banwart, Mr. C. M. Brown, Rev. R. D. Owen, Miss Jessie B. Condit, Rev. Augustine Elmendorf, Mrs. Eugene Gregory, Mrs. Elwiser Hilton, Mrs. R. C. Jenkinson, Rev. J. E. A. Ames, Rev. W. J. Jones, Mrs. Stephen Little, Rev. Davis W. Lusk, J. A. W. MacDougall, Rev. H. E. Mitchell, Miss Helen B. Pendleton, Ben Buren Powell, Miss Virginia Robinson, Mrs. C. M. Scott, Jacob W. Street, Miss E. Oty Stratton, Rev. H. K. Spearman, W. H. Sutherland, Mr. D. D. Woody and Rev. Onque came in late.

The minutes of the last quarterly meeting at which business was transacted with only fourteen members being present were read, was moved, seconded and carried that the business transacted at this meeting shall be ratified. The treasurer presented his report which was approved and ordered filed with the minutes.

Mr. Ashby, the Ex. Secy, read his report which was received and ordered filed with the minutes. Dr. Lusk, Chairman of the Ex. Committee, was absent from the room when his report was called for. Miss Pendleton made a statement regarding the proposed purchase of a house where the League can carry on community work and reported that the Executive Committee at its last meeting had authorized a Committee to negotiate for the purchase of the house. Dr. Alexander, Mr. R. W. Stewart and Mr. Ashby were appointed at this meeting. Dr. Alexander reported that his Committee had called on the owner several times, but they think the price he asks is too high, \$14,000 (?). The Committee has therefore come to no definite conclusion. A discussion followed as to the wisdom of making such investment in a building. The president and Dr. Lusk both spoke of the excellent condition in which the building is and of the need for Welfare Work. Mr. MacDougall thought that as it is necessary to get money from the public to carry on the work that an objective investment towards which we can point is necessary. The time seems ripe for the League to sink its roots into the social conscience of the people. He added that if a stated income of \$100 a month can be secured from the house that would be a good investment at the price of \$12,000. Miss Virginia Robinson stated that it is proposed

at the Phillis Wheatley Association shall take charge of a boarding home and that the money received from renting rooms will go towards payment on the house. Mr. C. M. Brown thought it a good investment at \$12,000 because of the increase on property felt recently. He does not doubt that if the house is secured that the same can go and get the money for it in a very short while. Dr. M. is inclined to think that we can get it for \$12,000, as it is the centre populated by colored people. Mr. Ashby gave a typewritten statement which is to be given to persons qualified to riot funds.

After some further discussion, Mr. Banwart moved and Mr. Brown seconded that the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee authorized to continue negotiations for a suitable building, a sum not to exceed \$13,000 no deal to be closed unless we have \$1,000 in hand and the Committee has the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

A discussion followed as to how to raise money for the initial payments. Dr. Alexander made a motion which was moved, seconded and carried that the President and the Executive Secretary map out plan for a drive and appoint a Committee of seven to take charge soliciting money for this purpose.

The Executive report was accepted.

Under the head of new business the following persons were named as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:-

Dr. W. C. Alexander ✓	Rev. H. K. Spearman.
Mr. C. M. Brown, ✓	R. W. Stewart
Rev. R. D. Brown	J. E. Vandervall
J. F. Dusenberry	Mrs. Stephen Little
Mrs. W. J. Greene	Rev. Augustine Elmsendorf
Mrs. M. B. Gregory	Mrs. R. C. Jenkinson ✓
Rev. J. B. A. Johns, ✓	Mr. Carl Banwart ✓
Rev. Davis W. Lusk, ✓	Miss Jessie B. Condit
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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After some further discussion, Mr. Barnhart moved and Mr. Brown seconded that the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee be authorized to continue negotiations for a suitable building, same not to exceed \$13,000 no deal to be closed unless we have \$500 in hand and the Committee has the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

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Receipts.

Balance April 1st, 1918	\$298.74
Receipts	617.35
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Expenditures.

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